

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON DIVISION

B.P.J. by her next friend and mother, HEATHER  
JACKSON

*Plaintiff,*

v.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, HARRISON COUNTY BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY  
SCHOOLACTIVITIES COMMISSION, W.  
CLAYTON BURCH in his official capacity as  
state superintendent, and DORA STUTLER in her  
official capacity as Harrison County Superintendent,

*Defendants*

Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-316

Hon. Joseph R. Goodwin, District Judge

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF SPONSORING ATTORNEY**

I, Nicholas Ward, hereby provide this Notice Substitution of Sponsoring Attorney/Local Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Pursuant to this notice, undersigned counsel will replace current sponsoring attorney Loree Stark, who will subsequently file in this case a notice of withdrawal pursuant to Local Rule 83.4(a), as the sponsoring attorney for Visiting Attorney Avatara Smith-Carrington in this matter.

I hereby certify that I am admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, I am a member in good standing of the West Virginia State Bar, and I am a member of the bar of this Court. I further certify that I have an office for the practice of law in West Virginia, and I practice law primarily in West Virginia. I agree that pleadings, notices, and other papers may be served on me in this case. I consent to being the Sponsoring Attorney for the above-named Visiting Attorney and I shall hereafter sign all papers that require the signature of an attorney.

/s/ Nicholas Ward

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nicholas Ward, do hereby certify that on Wednesday, the 19th day of October, 2022, I electronically filed a true and exact copy of the Certificate of Service for ***Notice of Substitution of Sponsoring Attorney*** with the Clerk of Court and all parties using the CM/ECF System.

/s/ Nicholas Ward

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